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CULTIVATION OF JATROPHA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding the quantum of Jatropha produced in the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether the cultivation of Biofuel crops has an adverse impact on other agricultural products; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The programme is at R&D stage. The model plantations are two-three years old and economic yield starts after the fourth year.

(b) & (c): As per the Government of India`s policy, the edible crops are not used as feed stock for production of biofuel. Cultivation of tree borne oilseeds including Jatropha is permitted only on wastelands. Under ongoing R&D programme, intercropping trials of Jatropha with other crops have been conducted, which so far have not shown any adverse effect.